PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FOURTH AND FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA,

HELD RESPECTIVELY AT

Omaha, Nebraska, August 3d to 7th, 1876

AND

West Point, Nebraska, September 20th to 24th, 1877.

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SYNODICAL CALENDAR.

OFFICERS FOR 1876—1877.

President—REV. W. A. IDPE, Ohio
Secretary—REV. J. F. RUHLMAN, Ill.
Treasurer—REV. J. G. BRODMUELLER, Indiana

OFFICERS FOR 1877—1878.

President—REV. W. A. IDPE, Ohio
Secretary—REV. F. W. E. PESCHAU, Nebraska
Treasurer—MR. J. P. ECKHARDT, Dakota

Delegates to Sister Synods.

REV. W. A. IDPE, Northern Illinois Syn.
" F. W. E. PESCHAU, Iowa Syn.
" J. G. BRODMUELLER, Kansas Syn.
" JULIUS WOLFF, German Wartburg Syn.

Committee on State Missionary.

REV. W. A. IDPE, REV. F. W. E. PESCHAU

Committee on Western State Mission Superintendent.

REV. F. W. E. PESCHAU, REV. W. A. IDPE

Delegate to National Lutheran S. S. Convention.

REV. F. W. E. PESCHAU.

Director to Carthage College.

REV. J. C. BRODFUEHRER, Dakota Ter.

Committee of Arrangements for Sunday-School Convention.

REV.'S F. W. E. PESCHAU, J. C. BRODFUEHRER, D. E. REI

NEXT CONVENTION OF SYNOD.

Place—*NEBRASKA CITY, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA*
Time—*THURSDAY, before the* [illegible] *in October* 1878.

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FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA.

OMAHA, Thursday, August 3d, 1876.

The members composing the *Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska*, met in the Lutheran Church at Omaha, on Thursday Evening, August 3d, 1876. By request of the President, pastor of the church, the Synodical Sermon was preached by the Secretary.

First Session.

FRIDAY, August 4th, 9 A. M.

The President opened Synod by singing, reading of the Scriptures, and prayer. After which the roll was called and the following members responding to their names:

CLERICAL.	LAY-DELEGATES.
W. A. Lipe,	J. D. Jardine,
J. Zimmerman,	Geo. Leamer,
J. G. Groenmiller,	Geo. Snyder.
J. F. Kuhlman,	
S. Cook,	
Julius Wolff,	
J. H. Dirks,	

The following clerical members were absent:

S. Aughey,
C. A. Rueter,
C. L. Wisswaesser,
Eli Huber,

Rev. J. Wolf, formerly of the Minnesota Synod, making application for membership, was, after presenting his credentials, received into connection with this Synod.

Rev. Linker of the Synod of Central Illinois, and Rev. A. K. Felton of Synod of Northern Illinois, were received as advisory members.

President's Report.

Dear Brethren!

The time designated at our last meeting has arrived and by the blessing of our kind Heavenly Father we are again assembled in Synodical Convention. The infinite goodness of God calls for our gratitude, and the precious promises of His word, many of which have been fulfilled to us in the past year, should inspire us with renewed courage and zeal.

There have some changes taken place since last we were together. One of our members, and one whom we can illy afford to spare, has gone from us, and has secured a field of labor and usefulness elsewhere.

I am sure you all join me in the prayer that God's richest blessing may attend Bro. Huber in his new field and crown his efforts with success.

My official acts which need to be reported to you are few, but they will show some change which has overcome our Synod ecclesiastically.

On the 28. of January I received a letter from Bro. Huber, in which he informs me that he has resigned his pastorate at Nebraska City, to take effect the last sabbath in February.

Sometime in May I received notice through Bro. Kuhlman that the Logan pastorate had declared itself vacant.

On the 8th day of April Rev. S. Cook, who has settled near Forest City, sent to me his letter of dismissal from the Kansas Synod, which constitutes him a member of the Synod, the brethren ratifying the act.

July the 7th Rev. F. W. E. Peschau of Evansville, Ind., informed me that he had been unanimously elected to the pastorate of the Nebraska City church, and that he would begin his regular labors about the middle of September. He has gone East to attend the meeting of the Pittsburg Synod, of which he is a licentiate. He expects to be ordained and when he comes on the field will unite with us. This young brother gives promise of much usefulness.

VACANCIES.

During the interval of Synod, I have been busily engaged in correspondence with many brethren, with a view to supply our vacancies, but have not made much progress.

Logan elected the Rev. J. Wolff as their pastor on the 30th of July. Bro. Wolff is amongst us and will connect himself with this Synod.

Fontenelle is still without a pastor, with prospects however of being supplied soon.

West Point still remains as it was at our last meeting. We have there an organization of nineteen members, but I have not found any one who is willing to go into the field and cultivate it.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS.

I am more than ever impressed with the conviction our surest and cheapest way of accomplishing our work in this State is, that of employing a travelling missionary, who shall do the work of an organizing evangelist. There are many neighborhoods that are composed almost exclusively of Germans, and these need attention from us now, lest we lose not only them but also their children.

I recommend that this be taken into serious and careful consideration.

I also recommend that we take some action concerning our institution, located at Carthage, Ill. I am confident that the men, who are to enter into and cultivate this Western field, must largely be educated in the West. Hence it becomes us to show our interest in the educational fountain, from which alone we hope to draw our supplies.

And now again I return to you the trust, which you have committed to me. May God grant unto us wisdom and energy both to devise and operate plans of usefulness.

Respectfully,

W. A. LIPE.

An election for officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Rev. W. A. Lipe, Omaha.
Secretary— " J. F. Kuhlman, Ponca.
Treasurer— " J. G. Groenmiller, Falls City.

Adjourned with prayer by the Secretary.

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Second Session.

FRIDAY, August 4th, 2 P. M.

Opened with prayer by Bro. Groenmiller.

Minutes read and approved.

Rev. McCartney of the United Presbyterian church was received as an advisory member.

The President announced the following committees:

1. *On President's Report*—Kuhlman, Groenmiller and Jardine.

2. *Auditing Treasurers Report*—Wolff and Dirks.
3. *On Parochial Reports*—Zimmermann, Groenmiller and Felton
4. *On Minutes of Synod*—Kuhlman, Linker and Cook.
5. *On Correspondence*—Groenmiller, Wolff and Zimmerman.
6. *Special Committee*—Kuhlman, Linker and Zimmerman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 1.

Your committee to whom was referred the President's report, would submit the following:

1. That Synod approve and ratify all the official acts of the President and gratefully acknowledge his efforts in behalf of our work.

2. That the two items, recommending the employment of a travelling missionary and that referring to Carthage College, be taken into serious consideration at the proper time, and that favorable action be taken in regard to them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. KUHLMAN,
J. G. GROENMILLER,
J. D. JARDINE.

The report was adopted item by item.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 4.

Your committee report that the documents placed in their hands are:

1*st*, The minutes of the last meeting of the Synod of Central Illinois, and the minutes of the last meeting of the Synod of Northern Illinois. Your committee find nothing in these to claim the attention of this Synod.

2*nd*, The minutes of the last annual meeting of this Synod, in which we find the following items:

1*st*, On page 14 a resolution, in which the officers of Synod are made a committee to confer with the Kansas Synod and make arrangements for a travelling missionary. What has this committee done?

2*nd*. On page 17 an apportionment to the churches in connection with this Synod for Home Mission purposes.

Has this apportionment been met?

J. F. KUHLMAN,
R. G. LINKER,
S. COOK.

The President made a statement in answer to the first question to the effect, that no arrangements had been perfected to carry out the request of Synod, giving as reasons want of a suitable man and the means of support.

To the second question the President and Secretary responded that their churches had contributed the amounts apportioned to them. The others for various reasons failed.

COMMITTEE NO. 5

reports that the papers in their hands are

1*st*, A letter from Rev. L. L. Lipe, appointed delegate of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Northern Illinois to this body, in which he sends the fraternal greetings and good wishes of that Synod to this. There is nothing in this communication requiring the action of this Synod. Your committee move, that we reciprocate the christian regards of the Synod of Northern Illinois, and continue fraternal relations with them by appointing a delegate to its next meeting.

2*nd*, Is a letter from the Rev. Rueter, addressed to the President of this Synod. Your committee find nothing in this letter claiming the attention of Synod, except the request of Mr. Rueter to have his name stricken from the roll of Synod. Your committee recommend that Synod comply with his request.

3*d*, Is a letter from Bro. Sprick, informing the President, that they are still without a pastor, asking us to aid them in securing one, that they keep up worship in their church and the Sunday school is prospering. Your committee recommend that every effort be made to have that field supplied with a faithful pastor.

4*th*, Is a letter from Rev. Goodlin, the Secretary of our Board of Home Mission, in which he states that for various reasons not necessary to state, he has to forego the pleasure of meeting with the members of this Synod. This Synod regrets the absence of our faithful and laborious Secretary and feels the need of his words of encouragement and hope in its work, and prays that Divine blessings may attend his labors among the Eastern churches to advance the cause of Home Missions in the West.

J. G. GROENMILLER,
J. WOLFF,
J. ZIMMERMAN.

The report was adopted item by item.

The name of Rev. Rueter was stricken from the roll of ministers.

Adjourned with prayer.

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Third Session.

SATURDAY, August 5th, 9 A. M.

After spending half an hour in devotional exercises, Synod opened with prayer by the President.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Rev. Prof. Tressler, President of Carthage College, was introduced and received as an advisory member.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 3.

The inquiry annually presents itself: What is the state of religion, and the prospects of the church in the bounds of the Nebraska Synod? From the reports of the brethren we gather the following:

First. *Our Advancement.* No very marked progress has been made. Only a few accessions have been reported. No new charges have been formed. No special revivals enjoyed. But it is nevertheless believed that a gradual growth has been maintained, for the attendance has mostly been encouraging. The Sabbath-schools have continued to do their work and the prayer-meeting has been the resort of all who truly love the Lord Jesus.

Second. *Discouragements.* These have met us in various ways. Infidelity is found everywhere manifesting itself in Sabbath breaking, producing indifference to religion, causing persons to seek enjoyment otherwise than in the house of God, and endeavoring to bring reproach on the name of Jesus. Hard times also have brought their discouragements, compelling a number of us to resort to something additional, whereby we might procure what is necessary to support families, thus diverting our time and attention from the necessary work of the ministry.

Third. *Encouragements.* Our prospects however are still hopeful. Only two of our charges remain unsupplied and one of them will, we think, be soon supplied. Material is still abundant wherewith to build up our Lutheran Zion, and we trust, if we unitedly consecrate all our energies to the Master's work, we will have reason to rejoice in seeing the work of the Lord prosper in our midst.

J. Zollinger,
J. G. Groenhagen,
A. K. Fulton.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 2.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's report, would state that they examined the accounts and find them correct, with a balance in the Treasury of $3.80.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Groenhagen,
J. H. Dinse,
J. Wolmi.

Report adopted.

On motion the items of the report on the President's report were now taken up.

On the first recommendation of the President, it was

Resolved, That we are more deeply convinced than ever from the experience of the past and the wants of the present, that our success and advancement demand the employment of a man, whose whole work shall be to gather and organize our scattered membership, we therefore again appoint the officers of Synod a committee to devise ways and means for carrying out this purpose, promising our cordial co-operation in carrying out any arrangements that may seem feasible to them.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Your committee respectfully report that the documents in their hands are

1st, The second number of Vol. 1st of the *Lutheran Home Missionary*, a most timely publication of our B. H. M. intended to set forth the wants, plans and aims of the Board and to awaken a deeper interest in the great work of Missions. There has been of late a falling off in the revenues of our Board.

We suggest the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we continue and increase our efforts to raise our quota, for the carrying forward of the Home Mission work of the Board.

2nd, A letter from Rev. J. D. Severinghaus of our *Lutheran Kirchenfreund*, in which he expresses hearty sympathy in our work amongst the Germans in this State; further, that there is in his hands a small fund for use in our mission work amongst the Germans of this State; he also makes valuable suggestions relative to our general work. We suggest the following action in the premises:

1st, That we every where commend to our Germans the *Kirchenfreund* and the other publications of Bro. Severinghaus, and that we do what we can to increase their circulation in our State.

2nd, That we thank Bro. Severinghaus for the tender of $1025 in his hands for our German mission work, and instruct our Treasurer to accept the same and apply it in the way indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. Tanssmk,
J. Zimmerman,

Report adopted.

On motion, Rev. S. Cook was excused from further attendance at Synod.

Ministerial Session.

Synod now resolved itself into a Ministerium.

REPORT OF COM. ON BRO. DIRK'S LICENSE.

Your committee would respectfully report, that the papers placed in their hands are the license granted Bro. Dirks by the Ev. Luth. Synod of Central Illinois. Your committee recom-

mend that the license of Bro. Dirks be extended to the next meeting of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. GROENMILLER,
S. COOK,
J. WOLFF.

Report adopted. Bro. Dirk's license extended accordingly.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Tressler.

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Fourth Session.

SATURDAY, August 5th, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

Item Second of President's report, referring to Carthage College was taken up.

Professor Tressler made statements in regard to the institution, showing its success, prospects and wants. After which it was

Resolved, 1, That we have listened with great interest to the report of the operations of Carthage College by Prof. Tressler.

2, That we anew express our hearty sympathy with the plans and aims of the institution, and that we pledge to it our co-operation and support to the extent of our ability.

MISSION FIELDS.

In regard to West Point and Tekama it was

Resolved, That the officers of Synod exert themselves to procure a man for West Point, and also inquire into the feasibility of establishing a church at Tekama.

ELECTIONS.

Before electing delegates to the next meeting of the General Synod, it was

Resolved, That Synod pay one-half the expenses of its Delegates to the next meeting of the General Synod, to be held at Carthage, Ill., and that the Delegates be expected to pay the other half.

The election for delegates resulted as follows:

CLERICAL.

Principal—W. A. Lipe.
Alternate—J. F. Kuhlman.

LAY.

Principal—J. B. Detwiler.
Alternate—Dr. S. B. Stough.

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

Kansas Synod,	- - - - -	Rev. Groenmiller.
Iowa "	- - - - - -	" Zimmerman.
Northern Ill. Synod,	- - - -	" W. A. Lipe.
Central " "	- - - - -	" J. Wolff.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Resolved, That we meet on the Thursday before the first full moon in September 1877, at such place as may be determined by the officers of Synod.

DISPOSAL OF MINUTES.

In view of the low condition of the Synodical Treasury, the publication of the minutes was postponed.

The Secretary was requested to give a synopsis of the proceedings in the *Lutheran Observer* and also the *Kirchenfreund*.

The thanks of Synod were returned to the congregation at Omaha for their hospitality and kind entertainment of Synod.

After reading the minutes and adopting them as a whole, Synod adjourned, to meet as determined by a previous resolution.

J. F. KUHLMAN, *Secretary.*

W. A. LIPE, *President.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

NAMES OF PASTORS AND CONGREGATIONS.	Organized Churches	Preaching Places.	MEMBERS RECEIVED BY					MEMBERS LOST BY			Communicants.	Prayer Meetings.	Luth. Sun. Schools.	Union S. Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
			Infant Bapt'm.	Adult Bapt'm.	Confirmation.	fm L. Ch'ches.	fm oth. Ch'rch	Restoration.	Certificate.	Excommunic.	Death.						Education.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission	Synodical Treas.	Local Objects.	Gen. Synod fund	G. Benevolence.
S. Cook, Forest City,		4												1									
J. Zimmerman, Dakota City,	3	2	10						23		2	65	1	1	1	13	80						
J. F. Kuhlman, Ponca	1	3	8		4	1	7		4			56	1	1		6	40		14 00	9 60	7 00	125 00		
J. G. Groenmiller, Falls City.	3	3	8		17						1	125			3		60			21 00				
W. A. Lipe, Omaha,	1	1	13	5	3	6	3	2	1		1	117	1	1		21	180		40 00		10 00	315 00		10 00
J. Wolff, Hooper,	2											150												
J. H. Dirks, Phelps, Mo.	2		10								1	50												
Prof. S. Aughey, Lincoln, Neb.																								
Vacant, Nebraska City,	3											250		1										
" Fontenelle,	2											75		1										
" West Point,	1											20		1										

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA.

West Point, Neb., September 20th, 1877.

The Ministers and Lay-Delegates comprising the Fifth Annual Convention of the Synod of Nebraska, assembled on Thursday, Sep. 20th, 1877, at 7:30 P. M., in the German Evangelical Church, in which for the present the members of the English Lutheran Mission Church, Rev. J. N. Zimmer, pastor, are worshipping.

Rev. J. Zimmermann, preached the opening sermon on I Kings, 20, 40.

First Session.

FRIDAY, Sept., 21st, 9 A. M.

After half an hour's devotional Services, the Synod was regularly opened, by the President, Rev. W. A. Lipe.

The Roll was called and the Lay-Delegates asked to present their credentials.

The following is a list of the members Clerical and Lay, constituting the Synod of Nebraska at this its Fifth Convention:

MINISTERS.	Entered Ministry in	POST OFFICE.	
Rev. S. Cook,	1841	Forest City, Sarpy Co.	Neb.
" J. Zimmerman,	1856	Dakota City,	"
" Prof. S. Aughey, Ph. D.	1858	Lincoln,	"
" J. C. Brodfuehrer,	1858	Dakota City,	"
" J. G. Groenmiller,	1858	Hanover, Wash'n Co.	Kan.
" J. F. Kuhlman,	1858	Ponca, Dixon Co.	Neb.
" W. A. Lipe,	1860	Omaha,	"
" Julius Wolff,	1864	Hooper, Dodge Co.	"
" D. E. Reed,	1869	Fontenelle, Wash'n Co.	"
" F. W. E. Peschau,	1874	Nebraska City,	"
" C. L. Wiswaesser,	1875	Hooper, Dodge Co.	"
" J. H. Dirks,	1875	Febing, Nemaha Co.	"
" J. N. Zimmer,	1875	West Point,	"

LAY DELEGATES.

C. F. Goodman,	Omaha.
J. F. Wilhelmy,	Nebraska City.
Prof. J. H. Mockett,	West Point.
H. Sprick,	Fontenelle.
J. P. Eckhardt,	Dakota City.
A. Draeger,	Ponca.

NEW MEMBERS.

Rev. J. C. Brodfuehrer, was regularly received into connection with this body from the Hartwick Synod of New York.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. J. N. Zimmer of the Ev. Luth. Pittsburg Synod of the General Synod and Rev. J. B. Leedom of the Methodist Episcopal church were received as advisory members.

The next thing in order, which is herewith given, was the

President's Report.

In His goodness, God has brought us together again in Synodical Convention. When we remember His great kindess to us in sparing all our lives and continuing to us our health and that of our dear ones, we cannot but be under special obligations to render Him praise.

The former portion of the year was well tinctured with discouragements. Some of our pastorates were vacant and all effort to supply them, issued only in failure, but towards the close of the year the frowns were turned into smiles, and for a little—we could say—all our fields are supplied.

I now have the pleasure of submitting to you a brief synopsis of my official acts as President, since last meeting, which with your ratification will become the action of the Synod.

ORGANIZATIONS.

On December 12th, 1876 I effected the organization of a congregation in the Rosenbaum neighborhood with twelve members.

On April 10th, 1877, I organized a church in Tekama, with ten members.

April 28, 1877, Rev. J. C. Brodfuehrer organized a congregation at Brush Bend with 22 members, Each of these churches was organized under favorable prospects.

RESIGNATIONS.

December 13th, 1876, Bro. Zimmerman informed me, that for want of sufficient support, he had resigned the Dakota City charge and had accepted the position of colporteur of the American Tract Society.

August 22d, 1877, Bro. Groenmiller informed me, that he had resigned at Falls City and had accepted a call from Hanover, Kas.

Some time in spring, Bro. Dirks resigned at Phelps City, and accepted a call to St. John's Lutheran church at Febing, Nemaha County.

DISMISSALS.

August 29th, 1876, at his own request, I granted Rev. Eli Huber a letter of dismissal, to unite with the East Pennsylvania Synod.

SUPPLIES.

October 4th, 1876, Bro. Peschau informed me that he had entered up, on his new field of labor in Nebraska City.

October 29th, 1876, Bro. Zimmer took charge of the West Point Mission.

April 3d, 1877, Bro. Zimmerman informed me, that the Dakota pastorate had been supplied by Rev. J. C. Brodfuehrer of the Hartwick Synod of New York.

About the second week in June 1877, the Fontenelle pastorate was supplied by Rev. D. E. Reed.

ADDITIONS TO SYNOD.

December 16th, 1876, Bro. Peschau sent me his letter of dismissal from the Pittsburg Synod.

July 10th, 1877, Bro. Reed forwarded me his letter of dismissal from the Pittsburg Synod.

INSTALLATIONS.

November 5th, 1876, Bro. Peschau was installed as pastor of the First Ev. Luth. church of Nebraska City, by a committee consisting of Rev. J. G. Groenmiller and the President.

On Trinity Sabbath of this year, Rev. J. H. Dirks was ordained and installed as pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, Febing, Nemaha county, by a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. G. Groenmiller and F. W. E. Peschau.

August 5th, 1877, Bro. Reed was installed as pastor of the Fontenelle church, to which also the Rosenbaum church is attached temporarily. The President installed this Brother.

VACANCIES.

Tekama is vacant, having but a temporary supply.

Falls City has been made vacant by the resignation of Bro. Groenmiller.

May God's blessing attend us and grant us a pleasant and profitable meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. LIPE.

The above report was read and then referred to committee No. 1.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

was next in order. The President appointed Revs. J. Zimmerman and J. C. Brodfuehrer tellers.

The following brethren were declared elected:

President—Rev. W. A. Lipe, of Omaha.
Secretary— " F. W. E. Peschau, of Nebraska City.
Treasurer—Mr. J. P. Eckhardt, of Dakota City.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Rev. A. Lipe, the Synod's delegate to the General Synod, then presented the following:

As your delegate to the General Synod, I take pleasure in submitting to you the following report:

"The Synod convened at Carthage, Ill., on the 30th of May, 1877. And although fear had been expressed, that in consequence of the meeting so far West, the attendance would be small, yet all were most pleasingly disappointed. A large proportion of the delegates were present. And among the absentees but few gave distance as the only reason for non-attendance.

Most of the Synods of the West showed their high appreciation of having the General Synod in their midst, by arranging to pay the expenses of their own delegates, and also make their usual contribution to the General body. Also not a few of the Eastern Synods showed their sympathy with the West, in making like arrangements. The result of this was, that for the first time in many years, the Treasurer was able to meet all expenses without the usual resort to borrowing.

Some departments of church work did not receive that careful consideration that one could wish, but in the aggregate much was done. The work of the church in the West received greater attention than usual. They were now on mission ground. Many of the brethren had never seen this country before, all were delighted with it. On pages 41—42 of the minutes we have the assurance, that the meeting in Carthage has already resulted in good, in that it furnished the delegates with a more extended idea of our work, and the difficulties in the way. We are also assured of their more hearty sympathy, prayers and support.

Also the Board of Home Missions was empowered to appoint and sustain traveling missionaries, whenever and wherever it deems proper.

This report might be extended to a very great length, so much was done, which was of interest to all. But, as the proceedings of the Gen. Synod will be placed in the hands of a committee, for a special report, I will detain no longer than to say, that the meeting was very harmonious throughout. The reception given by the citizens of Carthage was very

cordial, and all went away feeling it was good to have been there.

May God greatly bless and prosper the General Synod in all that is good, is the prayer of your delegate.

W. A. LIPE.

The report was approved.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS

being called for, Rev. J. G. Groenmiller, delegate to the Kansas Synod, stated, that owing to the fact that the minutes of last year's proceedings were not published, he had forgotten his appointment. Rev. W. A. Lipe, delegate to the Northern Illinois Synod and Rev. J. Zimmerman, delegate to the Iowa Synod, had the same excuse to offer.

The following committees were appointed:

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. J. F. Kuhlman and D. E. Reed.
2. *Auditing Committee.*—Rev. J. C. Brodfuehrer and Mr. J. P. Eckhardt.
3. *On Minutes of Synods.*—Rev. J. G. Groenmiller and Mr. A. Drager.
4. *Committee on Promiscuous Papers.*—Revs. J. C. Brodfuehrer and J. G. Groenmiller.

After prayer by Bro. Peschau, Synod adjourned.

Second Session.

FRIDAY, September 21st, 2 P. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with prayer by Bro. Brodfuehrer.

The minutes of the morning session read, corrected and approved.

COMMITTEE NO. 2

presented the following: Your committee into whose hands were placed the Treasurer's accounts and vouchers, find that there is a balance on Foreign Mission account of eleven dollars and two cents ($11.02), and a balance in Synodical Treasury of thirty-three dollars and seventy-five cents ($33.75), for which moneys there is a P. O. Money Order for forty-four dollars and eighty cents ($44.80), drawn by the Treasurer in favor of Rev. W. A. Lipe, in trust for the Synod of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BRODFUEHRER,
J. P. ECKHARDT.

Report adopted.

COMMITTEE NO. 1

was next heard and submitted the following: Your committee would recommend the following:

1. That we gratefully acknowledge the services of the President in his labors and efforts in behalf of the church and this Synod.

2. That we sanction and ratify all his official acts.

Respectfully,

J. F. KUHLMAN,
D. E. REED.

Adopted item by item—then as a whole.

Reports on the condition of congregations and charges being called for, the following brethren gave Synod in brief remarks, ideas of the financial condition, numerical strength and spiritual life in its various phases in their respective fields of labor; Revs. Lipe, Brodfuehrer, Groenmiller, Kuhlman, Zimmer, Reed and Peschau.

Synod after hearing these remarks and after prayer by Rev. J. B. Leedom, adjourned.

Third Session.

SATURDAY, September 22d, 9 A. M.

After half an hour religious services, Synod opened with prayer by Bro. Zimmerman.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the previous session read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 8.

DOCUMENT NO. 1.

Your committee would respectfully report, that the first document placed in their hands is a copy of the published proceedings of our General Synod, whose sessions were held at Carthage, Ill., in May last. We learn from this excellent document that the work of the Divine Master, within the bounds of this our General Synod, has been carried on with zeal and earnestness. The different Boards to whom the various departments of Church-work were assigned, have faithfully discharged their arduous duties.

We learn that there are now in connection with the General Synod nearly 800 ministers, about 100 of whom are exclusively German, and 113,128 communicant members. Over 14,000 young persons received catechetical instruction and were con-

firmed. Over 14,000 children were dedicated to the Lord in holy baptism. There were contributed to Home Missions over $28,000, to Foreign Missions about $29,000 and $46,217.12 for General Benevolence. There are two Publication Houses under its auspices, one at Philadelphia, Pa., at 42 North Ninth Street, which is English and the other at 526 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill., which is German, but also has English books. These Publishing Houses are doing a good work in supplying our church and sabbath-schools with a useful and orthodox literature. The former issues over 33,000 copies of the *Lutheran S. S. Herald*, and 40,000 Augsburg S. S. Lesson Leaves, monthly, and also publishes monthly "The Augsburg S. S. Teacher."

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On page 31 we find that the quota apportioned us as a Synod, is for Home and Foreign Missions, each $150.00 and for Church Extension $75.00.

Resolved, That we make every effort to raise the assigned quota.

Resolved, That we are highly pleased with the project of appointing a travelling Home Missionary on our Western field and that we will do all in our power to sustain the same.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this body, that said Missionary should be able to use both the German and English language.

DOCUMENT NO. 2.

The written minutes of the proceedings of our last meeting of Synod, constitute our second document. We believe the minutes to be substantially correct. We learn from the minutes that there are $19.25 in the hands of Rev. J. D. Severinghaus, Chicago, for our German missionary work in Nebraska.

Your committee recommend that the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to obtain the above named sum.

Respectfully,

J. G. GROENMILLER,
A. DRAEGER.

Report adopted item by item.

DELEGATE TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS SYNOD,

Rev. J. Wolff, reported, that he had attended the sessions of that body at Mendon, Ill. He had been kindly received there, but found that owing to the dismissal of German brethren to the Wartburg Synod, the Central Ill. is almost exclusively English. He recommended that hereafter we send a German delegate to the Wartburg Synod instead of the Central Ill. Synod.

Report approved.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE NO. 8.

The following papers were handed your committee, viz:

1. A letter from Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, President of Kansas Synod, in which he suggests that the Synods of Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas unite in the support of a Western Superintendent of Missions. The Kansas Synod at its late meeting has appointed a committee to confer with similar committees from the other Synods west of the Mississippi. Therefore

Resolved, That the Nebraska Synod appoint a committee to correspond with the Home Mission Board and similar committees, from Synods interested in the matter of employing a suitable man as travelling missionary.

Resolved, That this joint committee be empowered to call a Western conference of the friends of Home Missions at a suitable place and time, for the promotion of Home Missions and Church Extension on our promising field.

2. A circular letter of the German Mission Board, in which the cause of Home Missions in German communities, is brought to the attention of our German pastors especially. All contributions, items of interest etc., are to be sent Rev. G. L. Rietz, No. 611 20th Str., West Washington, D. C. The Revs. S. W. Harkey D. D., C. Kuhl and Prof. E. F. Giese are the advisory members of the Western department of the German Home Mission field.

The committee suggests the following action:

Resolved, That the pastors of our Synod serving German congregations, be earnestly requested to present this important subject to their people and solicit contributions for the object named.

History painfully teaches us, that if we will not provide for those of our own household of faith, others will.

3. A letter from Rev. S. S. Waltz, delegate to this Synod from the Northern Illinois Synod, in which are conveyed the fraternal greetings of that body to ours, and a request that we send a delegate to their next convention, which is to meet at Dixon, Ills., Aug. 1878. The following action is recommended:

Resolved, That we elect a delegate to their next meeting.

4. A letter from Rev. S. Cook of Forest City, Sarpy Co., Neb., in which he asks to be excused from attendance on Synod, mainly for want of means. The committee propose for adoption the following:

Resolved, That we sincerely regret the absence of Bro. Cook, the oldest member of Synod, and hope that he may be spared to attend our next convention and participate in the deliberations concerning the interests of Christ's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BRODFUEHRER,
J. G. GROENMILLER.

Adopted item by item.

COMMITTEE NO. 9

reports that the papers in their hands are:

1. A letter from Bro. J. H. Dirks, a member of this Synod, in which he gives as a reason for absence, sickness and death among the members of his church. He asks Synod to excuse his absence. He also incloses his parochial report, accompanied by some inquiries respecting his contributions.

We recommend that Bro. Dirks be excused, his parochial report be entered on the minutes and, that the Secretary give him the desired information concerning the contributions.

2. Is a letter from Bro. Prof. S. Aughey, in which he states, that the serious illness of his wife prevents his attendance here. He asks Synod to excuse his absence.

Resolved, That we sympathize with Bro. Aughey in the serious affliction of his companion and that he be excused for non-attendance.

3. Is a letter from Rev. D. P. Grosscup of the Iowa Synod, in which the christian greetings of that Synod are extended to this.

Resolved, That the fraternal intercourse between the two Synods be continued by the appointment of a delegate from this Synod to the Iowa Synod.

Respectfully,

J. F. KUHLMAN,
HENRY SPRICK.

Report adopted item by item.

Synod adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. N. Zimmer.

Fourth Session.

SATURDAY, September 22d, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Bro. Brodfuehrer.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Committee No. 4, on Parochial reports, was heard and the report adopted.

Revs. J. Zimmerman and J. F. Kuhlman constituted this committee.

The subject of apportionment having been introduced, it was

Resolved, That we request our various churches to raise for Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension 40 cents per member per year, beginning with June 1st, 1877.

Time for "Preparatory Services" having arrived, it was moved that we adjourn to meet after the services as a Ministerium.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Groenmiller.

Fifth Session.

MONDAY, September 24th, 9 A. M.

After devotional exercises led by Bro. Reed, Synod was opened with prayer by Bro. Reed.

Minutes of Fourth Session read and approved.

Upon motion, the first item of the report of Com. No. 8 was reconsidered, discussed at length and then deferred to the afternoon session.

It was moved, that 500 copies of the minutes of our this year's proceedings and our constitution be printed in German, and that 300 copies of this and last year's sessions be issued in English.

The Secretary was instructed to secure printed parochial blanks for the use of Synod.

Bro. F. W. E. Peschau was elected delegate to the Lutheran National S. S. Convention, which is to convene at Hollidaysburg, Penn., next year.

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

Rev. Groenmiller, to the Kansas Synod.
Rev. Peschau, " Iowa Synod.
Rev. W. A. Lipe, " Northern Illinois Synod.
Rev. Wolff, " German Wartburg Synod.

The following committees were then appointed:

ON RESOLUTIONS.

Revs. J. F. Kuhlman, J. Zimmerman and Mr. J. P. Eckhardt.

ON VACANCIES AND MISSIONS.

Revs. J. G. Groenmiller, D. E. Reed and Mr. A. Draeger.

ON PUBLICATIONS, GERMAN AND ENGLISH.

Revs. Ferd. Peschau, J. Wolff and J. C. Brodfuehrer.

ON CONFERENCES.

Revs. Kuhlman, Reed and Peschau.

It was moved that the first day of the annual session of Synod be devoted to the S. S. cause, and that the brethren Peschau, Brodfuehrer and Reed be constituted a Committee of Arrangements for our first day's work of next year's session.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. J. Zimmerman.

Sixth Session.

MONDAY, September 24th, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Bro. Peschau. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Item 1st of the report of Com. No. 8, which was deferred until this session was discussed and adopted and the following further action taken on Home Missionaries in the West:

WHEREAS, The General Synod has empowered the B. H. M. to appoint in the West travelling Missionaries, therefore

Resolved, 1. That the officers of Synod are empowered to correspond with the B. H. M. to solicit their endorsement and aid, in the support of such a missionary.

2. That we pledge ourselves for the several amounts set opposite our names, for the purpose of supporting such a missionary. W. A. Lipe, $50.00, F. W. E. Peschau $50.00, J. C. Brodfuehrer $25.00, J. F. Kuhlman $25.00, J. G. Groenmiller $20.00, D. E. Reed $20.00, J. Wolff $15 00, J. H. Dirks $50.00, Jos. O. Zwicker $15.00.

3. That the officers of Synod be authorized to engage a suitable man to labor as "Travelling missionary" in the State of Nebraska, who can preach in both the German and English languages.

COMMITTEE ON VACANCIES AND MISSIONS

would respectfully report, that there is at present one vacant charge in the bounds of Synod, namely, the Falls City charge in Richardson county.

Your Com. would recommend, that this charge be referred to the Southern conference and that it be aided in securing a german-english pastor.

Tekama is also vacant. We recommend that this point be put under the special care of the Northern conference.

Respectfully,

J. G. GROENMILLER,
A. DRAEGER.

Report approved.

THE WEST POINT MISSION.

Rev. J. N. Zimmer gave Synod a verbal report on the status of this mission. Seven members were received during the last year, $115.00 were raised by subscription and $39.45 by collections. The work was prospering in church and sunday-school. Finances caused the greates anxiety and trouble. These remarks of the pastor were seconded by remarks from two of the leading members of the church, Prof. Mockett and Mr. Bruner.

The following action was taken:

WHEREAS, The West Point Mission has been supplied during part of the past year, by Rev. J. N. Zimmer, whose labors

have been acceptable to the people and successful in building up the church, and

WHEREAS, The prospects for the future growth and advancement of the church are encouraging, and the necessity for a Lutheran church more imperative than ever. Therefore

Resolved, That we recommend this field to the B. H. M., and urge upon it an increase of appropriation from $150.00 to $250.00, for the next year on the pastor's salary.

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCES.

Your committee would recommend, that the territory occupied by Synod, be devided into two Conference Districts, that shall be known as the Northern and Southern Conference Districts of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Nebraska, and that the deviding line be the Platte River, the brethren living north of said stream, constituting the Northern, those living south of it, within the limits of the State, and those in adjacent States, in connection with our Synod, constituting the Southern Conference.

We would further recommend, that two conference meetings be held in each district each year, and that the secretary of these conferences furnish an annual report to Synod of the proceedings of their sessions.

Respectfully,

J. F. KUHLMAN,
D. E. REED,
F. W. E. PESCHAU.

Adopted.

Revs. D. E. Reed and J. Wolff were excused from further attendance.

Rev. J. C. Brodfuehrer was chosen Director to Carthage College.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, Secretary of our Synod, be recommended to the German Board of Publication, as a member on the Committee of Publication in place of Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, resigned.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

INASMUCH, as the report of the Committee on Publications handed in and adopted during last year's sessions of Synod, will be published in full together with the proceedings of this year's sessions, and

INASMUCH, as this report is taken as a whole, the same it will be necessary here to insert the same, and so the Secretary takes upon him the responsibility of uniting the report.

In addition to the papers, periodicals, etc., recommended last year to the people of the various charges of the Nebraska

Synod, *The Lutheran Evangelist*, published at Springfield, O., upon the basis of the General Synod, by the Rev. Prof. J. H. W. Stuckenberg D. D., was also recommended.

F. W. E. Peschau,
J. Wolff,
J. C. Brodfuehrer.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following:

Whereas, There are no records showing the action of some of our churches in regard to their connection with this Synod, and as such action is not only orderly, but may be of utmost importance in future difficulties, that may rise. Therefore

Resolved, That the pastors of this Synod be requested to present this matter to their congregations, and if practicable secure favorable action and report the results to Synod at its next meeting.

We would further recommend for adoption:

1. That the thanks of this Synod be tendered the members and friends of the Lutheran Church at West Point, for the bountiful hospitality and christian kindness, by which the members of this Synod have been entertained by them, by the President this evening.

2. That the thanks of this Synod are herewith tendered the several Railroads, that have favored members with reduced fares to the meeting of Synod.

3. That these resolutions be published in the West Point papers.

Very respectfully,

J. F. Kuhlman,
J. Zimmerman,
J. P. Eckhardt.

Adopted.

Place of next meeting: Nebraska City. Time: Thursday previous to full moon in October, 1878.

Adjourned after prayer.

F. W. E. PESCHAU,

Secretary of the Evang. Luth. Synod of Nebraska.

MINISTERIUM.

First Session.

SATURDAY, September 22d, 4 P. M.

The Ministerium of the Synod of Nebraska assembled according to appointment, at 4 o'clock after the Preparatory Services. Opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. Brodfuehrer.

REPORT OF COM. ON SERMONS, &c., ON LICENTIATES.

In the case of Rev. J. N. Zimmer, a licentiate of the Pittsburg Synod, who is in charge of a congregation at West Point, in the bounds of the Nebraska Synod, we recommend:

That as soon as Bro. Zimmer shall be dismissed by the Pittsburg Synod, the President of our Synod appoint a committee into whose hands shall be placed the journal and sermons of the young brother, and if found satisfactory, to ordain him to the Gospel ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BRODFUEHRER,
J. F. KUHLMAN.

Report approved and adopted.

Bro. Peschau drew attention to the application for admission of the Rev. J. O. Zwicker of Phelps City, Mo. A committee of three was appointed to report on this.

Adjourned after prayer to meet on Monday, Sept. 24th.

Second Session.

MONDAY, September 24th, 11 A. M.

Prayer by Bro. Wolff.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CASE OF REV. JOS. O. ZWICKER.

In the case of Rev. Jos. O. Zwicker, your committee respectfully submit the following: We have considered the papers placed in our hands, his parochial report, the letter of the Secretary of his church etc., and recommend that the Secretary of Synod be appointed a committee to correspond with the officers of the Augsburg Synod, informing them of his request to be provisionally received by our Synod.

Respectfully,

J. C. BRODFUEHRER,
J. G. GROENMILLER,
J. F. KUHLMAN.

Report approved and recommendation adopted.

Adjourned after prayer by Bro. Groenmiller.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

NAMES OF PASTORS AND CONGREGATIONS.	No. of Congregat's	MEMBERS RECEIVED BY					MEMBERS LOST BY			Communicants.	Prayer Meetings.	Luth. Sun. Schools.	Union S. Schools.	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
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J. F. Kuhlman, Ponca	2	4	2	4		1					63	1	1	10	60		10 00	10 00	4 76	100 00	6 00	6 00	
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J. N. Zimmer, West Point,	1	2		3		4					18	1		10	60					39 45			
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D. E. Reed, Fontenelle,	2	8									45		2	10	70								
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